

## WINE STANDARDS NEWLY ISSUED

Expected They Will Check  
Much Adulteration.

RED, WHITE, SWEET WINES

Manner in Which Pure Product Is  
Made—Percentage of Alcohol  
Brands Should Contain.

Orders have been issued putting into effect the new wine standards prepared by the Food Commission and approved the other day by Secretary Wilson. These new standards will put an end to adulterations being sold for pure goods, and may result in trouble for all who attempt to evade the laws. Any wine, even if the manufacturer is not prosecuted when discovered disposing of injurious liquors, their products are to be seized and destroyed.

In case the goods come from abroad, they will not be admitted to the United States.

### The New Regulations.

The new definition and regulations relating to wine, which Dr. Harvey Wiley, head of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, are in full as follows:

"Wine is the product obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of the grape, followed by the usual cellar treatment, namely, fining, racking and, in the case of certain white still wines, sulphuring, which is accomplished solely by burning sulphur in the casks in which the wine is to be kept, in such quantity as not to exceed five milligrams of total sulphurous acid per 100 cubic centimeters of the wine.

### Per Cent of Alcohol.

"Standard red wine is red wine containing not less than nor more than 14 per cent of alcohol by volume, and, in 100 cubic centimeters of the wine, not less than one and six-tenths grams nor more than four grams of solids, not less than fifteen hundredths gram of ash; not more than one-tenth gram of sodium chloride, nor more than two-tenths gram of potassium sulphate.

"Standard white wine is white wine containing not less than 8 nor more than 11 per cent of alcohol by volume, and, in 100 cubic centimeters of the wine, not less than one and one-half grams nor more than four grams of solids, not less than fifteen hundredths gram of ash; not more than one-tenth gram of sodium chloride, nor more than two-tenths gram of potassium sulphate.

"Standard sweet wine is sweet wine containing not more than 14 per cent of alcohol by volume, and, in 100 cubic centimeters of the wine, not less than four grams of solids, nor less than fifteen hundredths gram of ash; not more than one-tenth gram of sodium chloride, nor more than two-tenths gram of potassium sulphate.

### Fortified Sweet Wines.

"Fortified sweet wine is sweet wine to which brandy has been added. By act of Congress of August 28, 1894, section 55: 'The addition of pure or condensed grape must or pure or condensed brandy to any wine, or the addition of any such grape juice prior to the bottling, shall be considered as adulteration for the purpose of perfecting sweet wines according to commercial standards, and shall not be excused by the definition of pure, sweet wine as aforesaid.'"

Provided further, That the case or bottle of such wine shall be so labeled as to show the percentage of the weight of wine to be fortified under this act.

"Sparkling wine is wine in which after part of the fermentation is completed in the bottle, thus changing its character with the resulting carbon dioxide. The sediment is disgorged and replaced by not more than five cubic centimeters of sugar liquor to one hundred cubic centimeters of the wine."

### For Coffee and Tea.

Standards are also in preparation for coffee, tea, and a number of other liquids and beverages.

As soon as the schedules have been issued, and a reasonable time is allowed manufacturers and dealers to get ready to meet them, the enforcement of the regulations will be commenced, and trouble is going to ensue for those who do not obey them.

## GIRL DROPPED PARCELS AND LEAPED INTO FENDER

Young Woman in Orange Kept Her  
Wits and Got Out of a Perilous  
Situation.

ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 26.—An attractive looking young woman was nearly run down by a trolley car at Main and Day Streets, Orange, when she escaped injury by an acrobatic feat, which called forth the admiration of all who saw it.

She had come up from Newark, where she had apparently been shopping, for her arms were piled so high with bundles that it was with difficulty she could see where she was going.

She crossed the eastbound track and was about the cross the other when she discovered a car bearing down on her at a pretty high rate of speed. The motorcar was clanging his bell and he had applied the brakes, but the car slid on. It was too late for the woman to get off the track, but she took in the situation with great quickness, and dropping her parcels quickly gathered up her skirts, and as the car rolled upon her, jumped straight up in the air as if she were skipping rope and landed on the fender in a way that caused the driver to stop.

The motorcar got down off the car, assisted her to her feet, picked up her parcels and sent her on her way. She told him she was not hurt.

TWO NEGROES FIGHT;  
ONE STABS THE OTHER

Suffering from several severe knife wounds in his back, Joseph P. Thompson, a negro, of 278 N. Street northwest, was taken to Georgetown Hospital by the police of the Seventh precinct, who are looking for Walter Robinson, another negro, whom they charge with the stabbing.

Thompson and Robinson were the best of friends until yesterday, and were seen together the greater part of the day. Both are said to have been drinking and were in a convivial mood when they reached home. A disagreement is said to have arisen owing to a dispute over who should lie on the bed first, and a fight followed.

## Uncle Sam's New Navy In the Billion Class

When Congress Returns From Gift Giving at  
Home, Report of Nation's Liberality  
Will Be Ready.

### THE BILLION-DOLLAR BIG STICK

Costliest and largest battleship—Oregon, cost \$6,575,032.76; expense of annual maintenance, \$500,000.00.

Least expensive battleship—Texas, cost \$4,202,121.49.

#### The New Navy.

Thirty-one battleships and cruisers now in commission: Thirteen first-class battleships—Oregon, Texas, Indiana, Massachusetts, Iowa, Kentucky, Kearsarge, Alabama, Wisconsin, Illinois, Maine, Missouri, and Ohio—cost, \$68,478,548.97.

Thirteen armored cruisers—Baltimore, Newark, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Olympia, Cincinnati, Raleigh, Columbia, Minneapolis, Tacoma, Cleveland, Denver, and Des Moines—cost, \$28,627,988.17.

Two armored cruisers—New York and Brooklyn—cost, \$7,770,432.48.

Three unprotected cruisers—Marblehead, Montgomery, and Detroit—cost, \$3,791,312.54.

#### The Newer Navy.

Thirty-two battleships and cruisers now in course of construction, with auxiliary vessels, some already launched. Those nearly ready for active service are:

Six 16,000-ton battleships, costing about \$4,400,000 each so far—Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Three 15,000-ton battleships—Georgia, Nebraska and New Jersey.

Two 14,000-ton battleships—Rhode Island and Virginia.

Two 13,000-ton battleships—Idaho and Mississippi.

One 12,500-ton battleship—Ohio.

Two 14,500-ton armored cruisers, practically battleships—Tennessee and Washington.

Five 14,000-ton armored cruisers—California, North Carolina, Montana, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Three 13,000-ton armored cruisers—Maryland, Colorado and South Dakota.

Three 9,000-ton protected cruisers—Charleston, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

Three 7,000-ton scout cruisers—Chester, Birmingham and Salem.

Two 9,100-ton protected cruisers—Chattanooga and Galveston.

Two 1,085-ton gunboats—Dabague and Paducah.

Two fleet colliers, for each of which \$1,250,000 has been appropriated—Erie and Ontario.

Two 1,800-ton training ships—Cumberland and Intrepid.

One 345-ton training brigantine—Boxer.

Five torpedo boats—The Stringham, Goldsborough, Nicholson, O'Brien and Blakely.

Two large seagoing tugs—Nos. 10 and 11.

A "billion-dollar big stick" is the Christmas present which Congress will discover in the possession of Uncle Sam, when members return from their homes in widely separated sections of the country, after holding their individual jollifications at their own hearths and firesides.

Uncle Sam, since he was born more than a century and a quarter ago, has bought himself few presents of his own. He has, however, received a few from his temporary sort-in fact such a list would be ridiculously small for the head of a national family of 80,000,000 of people.

Instead he has scrupulously kept his "home" into betterments of his "home of the brave," not only so far as relates to the "land of the free" itself, but for policies the oceans which wash its shores.

#### Hale Acts as Spokesman.

It is in this great national police force for "defense, not defiance"—as a well-known business advertisement reads—that Uncle Sam has been quietly putting a good deal of his spare cash for the past twenty-one years, until now he is ready to announce to his great family spread out over the continent from ocean to ocean, that counting in Christmas Day and the week following, until the New Year dawns, his investment in the "big stick" that protects his ocean front will just pass the billion mark.

As the medium for announcing this news to the nation, Uncle Sam authorizes the Senate Naval Affairs Committee to speak for him. It does so through Chairman Hale, who has completed his announcement in manuscript, which has been sent to Uncle Sam's big printers and will be published just as soon as the busy workers there can complete the task.

#### Makes a Steady Task.

Keeping track of what the nation spends for its warships is a mighty task, as may be imagined. Since the beginning of the "new navy," with its famous white squadron displacing the antiquated vessels which had up to that time constituted the American navy, the figures have been tallied out each year to show how well your Uncle lives within his income. But that it costs big money nowadays to keep up style and effectiveness in the navy of a great nation, has been shown in figures by Pitman Pulsifer, clerk to the Naval Affairs Committee. "This is the official record which members of Congress will have for perusal when they come back after footing up their own personal accounts of expenditure, including Christmas week and the last few days of the year."

For years past Mr. Pulsifer has been keeping track of just such matters as these, and he knows to a penny just where the money has gone to. Senator Hale's watchfulness over naval expenditures has kept him scanning each year's appropriations, and the record of the total sum spent on the naval establishment since 1883. The amounts carried in the regular annual appropriation bills during that period aggregated \$74,172,234.

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This compilation of figures is regarded as more absolutely definite, regarding the actual amounts spent under the various appropriations, than the documents of the Treasury Department, because it contains every item of expenditure for all branches of the naval establishment. This compilation will show the total sum spent on the naval establishment since 1883. The amounts carried in the regular annual appropriation bills during that period aggregated \$74,172,234.

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Working Bops' Home  
Sees Christmas Cheer

Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, and Plum Pudding Grace Menu—Big Tree and Santa Claus.

Great good cheer greeted the inhabitants of the Working Boys' Home, at 220 C Street northwest, yesterday evening. Turkey, cranberry sauce and English plum pudding graced the menu.

It had been announced that the dinner was to be of "homelike" variety, and the boys were ready for the joyous feast. Matron King had taken great pains to make the little charges were not disappointed.

A Christmas tree, with a live Santa Claus, will bring the attraction at the home this evening. There will be prizes for all.

PRESIDENT LOUBET'S FAMILY  
SUBJECT TO ESPIONAGE

PARIS, Dec. 26.—There was a violent discussion of the spying system in the Chamber of Deputies Saturday. The opposition deputies asserted that the secret official reports touched members of President Loubet's family.

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In Praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no other medicine manufactured that has received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective, and prompt relief follows its use. Grateful parents everywhere do not hesitate to testify to its merits for the benefit of others. It is a certain cure for colds, croup, whooping cough, and all the ailments of the throat and lungs. It is especially adapted to children, and is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk of the store of Mr. E. Lock, of Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off colds and coughs in my family, and I found it to be very satisfactory and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale by all druggists.

PORTO RICO MAY  
GROW OUR WHEAT

Attempts are to be made by the Department of Agriculture to introduce wheat growing into Porto Rico. So far the success has been very small. The climate is too hot for the growth of wheat, but experiments have been made with the now celebrated "macaroni wheat," which seems to indicate that it will grow and develop almost anywhere.

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## BOY DIES HUGGING HIS TIN SOLDIER

Mother's Wild Race Fails  
to Save Child.

FOUND HIM UNDER THE TREE

Sister Had Given Him Acid by Mistake  
for Soda Water and There Was  
No Hope From Start.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Clasping a tin soldier Santa Claus had given him firmly in both hands, Johnnie McCabe, two years old, of 225 East Twenty-second Street, died from carbolic acid poisoning yesterday.

The little fellow was picked up from under a Christmas tree and carried to Bellevue Hospital by his mother, but the physicians could not save his life. He died with his chubby fingers tight around the neck and arms of the toy soldier.

#### Left Them a Minute.

Mrs. McCabe had left Johnnie and his sister Mary, five years old, together in the parlor while she went to the kitchen to prepare the Christmas dinner for the family. The two children were happy with the toys and candies Santa Claus had brought in the night, and the mother thought they were safe from all danger.

After fifteen minutes Mrs. McCabe went on to the door of the parlor to watch the little ones at play. As she stopped at the door a groan came from her. Rushing in, she found Johnnie writhing under the tree in agony.

"Oh, mamma!" he said, at sight of his mother, "the pain!"

The empty bottle lay close to the boy. Mrs. McCabe saw in an instant that it was one in which she had kept a solution of camphor and carbolic acid for household use.

#### Ran to Hospital.

She lifted the boy in her arms and ran direct to Bellevue. She was almost exhausted when she arrived in the receiving room. "She fell back into a chair, and, holding out the now unconscious boy, she implored a physician to save him."

Ten minutes later Johnnie was dead. Four doctors had worked over him, but without avail. They were unable to revive him, and he died with his mother, who thought it was soda water that was in the bottle. She said that she wanted Johnnie to have a drink before herself, but that he took every drop.

#### Cried for Brother.

She could not realize what had happened, and she cried for Johnnie for hours after he was away.

Mrs. McCabe was prostrated by the accident. She said that it was the first Christmas tree they had in the family, and that she and her children had looked forward to it for months.

"Johnnie died when he was two years old," Mrs. McCabe said. "He was lying with his head under the low branches of the tree. As I caught up with him, he was quiet and wondering and surprised into his face. The boy held fast to the soldier from the moment he took the poison."

It was said by Mrs. McCabe that she thought Mary gave the poison to the boy. When questioned Mary said that she thought it was soda water that was in the bottle. She said that she wanted Johnnie to have a drink before herself, but that he took every drop.

On the way to the hospital he caught the low arms of the toy with his right hand, and he was still holding the trinket in this way when he died.

The poor little fellow's heart was filled with relief when he died, and they were of vastly more importance to him than his life. The soldier which he held in his right hand, and which he was still holding, was a wee chap, he could not realize he was dying. It is an awful end to our Christmas, but what a comfort it is to me to know that Johnnie died happy."

The Bellevue physicians said the boy was doomed the instant he swallowed the liquid, as the poison was so strong that nothing could save him.

SEVEN TIES, ALL ALIKE,  
SENT TO SAME MAN

Sent by Seven Friends in Seven Cities Far Apart.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Students of mental telepathy and psychology might have a fruitful field of operations in digging up the reason why seven men, in cities widely separated, unknown to each other, should each choose a tie as a Christmas present for the same man, and that each should select a tie exactly the same color and pattern.

The question may be asked if it was the thought of one of the others that prompted each of the others to make the same selection of a tie.

P. J. Callahan is the man who received the neckties and who had the unusual experience. He lives at 314 Brandeis Street.

The first came from Atlanta, Ga.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Bluffton, Ind.; Kansas City, Philadelphia, Johnston City, Tenn., and Jonesboro, Tenn.

FIRE IN CHIMNEY  
MAKES SOME EXCITEMENT

Lieut. Com. E. E. Hayden's residence, 1822 Sixteenth Street northwest, was threatened by fire shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Flames leaped high into the air from an overcoat rack, and a pedestrian, thinking the entire house was ablaze, telephoned a local alarm to No. 9 Engine Company.

Firemen responded and with hand extinguishers put out the flames in the chimney in a few moments. Twenty-five dollars is said to have been the extent of the damage.

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## DROUGHT BROKEN; TOILERS REJOICE

Coal Miners and Mill Men  
Ordered to Work.

THE COAL FAMINE IS OVER

Wheels Will Begin to Turn Again in  
Ohio and West Virginia  
as Well.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—Rain and melting snow have ended the drought which for weeks has interfered with industries in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and more than 25,000 workmen who had been laid off because of it, have been notified to return to work today.

Fifteen million bushels of coal, one-half of the amount loaded in barges and boats here in the Monongahela River, is being prepared for shipment South. This will relieve a fuel famine.

The coal dealers having a few tons of coal in their bins were preparing to ask fancy prices, but the price for coal in Cincinnati, Louisville and other cities along the Ohio River will now be normal.

#### A Question of Life.

The water situation in the Allegheny Mountains had resolved into a question of maintaining life. Friday night a slight rain fell and filled small pools, but the dry ground absorbed most of it. Since then rain has fallen intermittently.

The National Tube Company at McKeesport laid off large numbers of men Saturday owing to the water scarcity. Messengers have now been hurried around to notify them to report for work today.

The Edgar "Thomson mills were to have closed until the first of the year. Tomorrow morning every department will be working again. The workmen on the night turn were ordered to report at Homestead last night.

#### Men Going to Work.

Ten thousand coal miners along the Monongahela River will be given work. The majority of them have been out of employment for many months. Along the Pennsylvania Railroad most of the mines had closed down. About 10,000 men will be ordered back to the mines.

More than an inch of rain has fallen in the past twenty-four hours. The Ohio River, which was down to one foot six inches, is now more than six feet and will rise to nine feet today.

POOR BOYS PROVIDED  
WITH NEW OVERCOATS

Saks & Co. Celebrate Christmas by  
Bestowing Warm Garments Upon  
Many Deserving Indigents.

Saks & Co. celebrated Christmas this morning by equipping one hundred needy boys with new overcoats.

Isaac Gans, the manager of the company's store, was the good fairy who wielded the magic wand that brought to the children more comfort than they had known for many a long day.

The boys, who had assembled outside the Seventh Street door, were admitted, provided with the coats, and, in many instances, with shoes and other garments, and were ushered out through the Pennsylvania Avenue door. Each one carried a card which had been approved by Secretary Charles Weller, of the Associated Charities, proving the boy to be deserving of help.

#### Assisted by Mr. Weller.

The company is helped in this way by Mr. Weller in order to prevent imposters securing the gifts. Mr. Gans, as he gave away the coats, checked off the names of the recipients on a list, made out by Mr. Weller, explaining the reasons in each case for the boy's getting the coat.

From 9 until 11 o'clock they came, whites, blacks, big ones, small ones, native Americans and foreigners. Some got an overcoat, some got shoes besides, and many were provided with complete outfits of clothes—shoes, stockings, a suit, underwear, and overcoat.

This one's father "is a gravedigger and does not get much work in winter." Another's father spent "most of his time in the workhouse," and there were six children in the family.

#### Consumption in Family.

Nearly half of the families represented had consumption in their midst. The parents of all were either sick, but not work, worthless, or dead.

But all trials and sufferings were forgotten by the youngsters when they were warmly clothed. Coming in looking wretched and illly clad, they went out smiling, walking proudly, their dirty little hands plunged deep into real, big pockets.

One case was particularly pathetic. A boy was led into the store by his mother, who explained that the company had given him an overcoat last Christmas. He had outgrown it, however, and she would pass it on to some other poor family if her boy could have a new one. Such honesty was rewarded with a coat and an extra pair of trousers.

#### His Mother Dead.

Another boy's mother was dead and father ill. The older brother, the family's main support, had died on returning to this country from the Philippines. The family now has a pension claim pending as a result of the young man's death.

The list was full of the pitiful things of life, showing also how much good can be accomplished by well-directed charity.

This is the fifteenth Christmas Saks & Co. has celebrated in this way.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH  
TRYING TO GET WARM

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 26.—Thomas Corberry, a switchman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, was burned to death yesterday afternoon.

He had been engaged switching several cars in the Belle Dock yards Corberry, and went to a small toolhouse near the tracks to get warm.

There was a lighted stove in the building, and about an hour later another found Corberry lying on the floor in front of the stove, burned over his entire body. He died in a few moments.

## THE PALAIS ROYAL

SACRIFICES  
HOLIDAY GOODS

BEGINNING TOMORROW

Holiday Goods have to go in quick order and prices are reduced accordingly.

It has been the greatest Holiday season in the long career of the store, and we can smile at a few dollars lost now.

10c  
Tables Full.

25c  
Tables Full.

50c  
Tables Full.

88c  
Tables Full.

Odds and Ends—but they make quite an imposing show when gathered on to tables. Good, better and best of bargains. Come tomorrow morning and be rewarded with the best. All five floors may be profitably visited.

BEST GOODS,  
33  
Per Cent Off.

25  
Per Cent Off.

20  
Per Cent Off.

The more expensive Holiday goods are offered at 20 to 33 per cent discount. Tickets in the various departments tell you of the discount allowed in each. You look for the price mark on the article you fancy, and see that from one-fifth to one-third is deducted.

CLOSED TODAY.  
Tomorrow  
Close 5.30 P. M.

And until further notice.

The Palais Royal  
A. Lisner  
G and Eleventh